

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

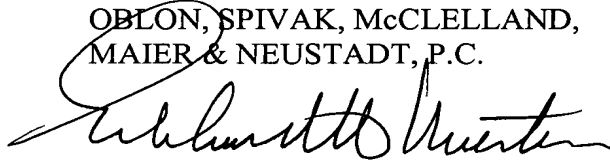
Allowed Claims 1-22 remain active in this application; Claims 7-9 and 18 amended by the present amendment.

The present amendment corrects the sequential labeling of elements in the claims, so that continuity in numbering is maintained from each independent claim to the dependent claims in the chain of dependency for a respective independent claim. No new matter has been added and no new issues are believed to be raised.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendment and a renewed formal allowance of Claims 1-22 are believed to be in order and are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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